

Application No. 09/597,529  
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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1 line 5 with the following  
amended paragraph:

The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [ ]]  
09/597,978, filed June 20, 2000, entitled “Method And Apparatus For Traversing And  
Placing Cells In A Placement Tool”, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08,7898,026,  
filed January 27, 1997, entitled “Method And Apparatus For Selecting Components  
Within A Circuit Design Database”, both of which are assigned to the assignee of the  
present invention and both of which are incorporated herein by reference.